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FINGERPRINT PROTECTION FOR  
CLEAR PHOTOGRAPHIC SHIELD

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AMENDMENT

This amendment is in response to the Office Action dated July 24, 2002. In the above-captioned application, please enter the following amendments.

In the Claims

Please cancel claims 29-32.

Please amend claims 22-28 and 33-34 as set forth below:

22. (Twice Amended) A photographic element comprising a transparent polymer sheet, at least one layer containing an image formed by development of negative working photosensitive silver halide and at least one upper protective shield layer to protect the surface of said transparent polymer, and adhesively adhered to the lower side of said element a base material wherein said base is substantially opaque and has a transmission of less than 15 percent wherein said at least one upper protective shield provides protection from fingerprinting and spills of liquids.